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SUBJECT: CIEC: INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMISSIONS

REF: (A) STATE 9962, (B) NEW DELHI 456

1. FINAL DECISIONS ON MAKE-UP OF INDIAN DELEGATIONS TO THE CIEC COMMISSIONS ARE STILL TO BE MADE, BUT SENIOR REPRESENTATION AS CURRENTLY PLANNED IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: S.S. MARATHE. AS REPORTED REF B, MARATHE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS COORDINATOR FOR GOI PARTICIPATION

IN ALL CIEC COMMISSIONS. MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ALSO GIVEN HIM TITLE OF "LEADER" OF INDIAN COMMISSION DELEGATES IN PARIS. BIODATA AND COMMENTS WERE REPORTED IN NEW DELHI A-017 OF JANUARY 24.

B. FINANCE COMMISSION: DR. R. M. HONAVAR, MINISTER (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) AT THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON. HONAVAR IS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCORDING TO MARATHE, ONE OF THE SENIOR ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS

IN INDIAN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, HAVING BEEN ECONOMIC ADVISOR IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER MINISTRY.

MARATHE NOTED THAT HIS FAMILIARITY WITH INDIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAS NOW BEEN SUPPLEMENTED BY EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

DURING THREE YEARS IN LONDON. HONOVAR HAS TITLE OF "DEPUTY LEADER" AND IT IS MARATHE'S HOPE THAT HE WILL MOVE SEMI-PERMANENTLY TO PARIS AS SENIOR MAN ON THE SPOT FOR CIEC AFFAIRS.

C. ENERGY COMMISSION: A.S. MEHTA, DIRECTOR (PETROLEUM SUPPLIES), MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM. AS A MEMBER OF THE ELITE INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, MEHTA IS NOT PETROLEUM OR TRADE EXPERT BUT RATHER SUPERVISORY/POLICY LEVEL CIVIL SERVANT. HE HAS BEEN WITH MINISTRY FOR OVER THREE YEARS, HOWEVER, AND PRESUMABLY IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. EMBOFFS ARE SEEKING INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH HIM NEXT WEEK.

D. RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION (OBSERVER DELEGATION): U. HODA, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. HODA IS MIDDLE-RANKING OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD OCCASION TILL NOW FOR CONTACT.

2. MARATHE SAID HE WAS STILL CONSIDERING EXCHANGING COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES WITH HONOVAR, BUT THAT MAY DEPEND ON NATURE OF WORK EACH COMMISSION UNDERTAKES. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT SEEING JULIUS KATZ AND PAUL BOEKER DESIGNATIONS AND LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING THEM IN FEBRUARY. SAXBE

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